

was untenable, as it had not proved the necessity for the shooting, which must be the basis for a plea of self-defense, and declared that Conway, had he wished, could have prevented an attempt at shooting by Torrence. He spoke for more than an hour, creating a deep impression on both jury and audience.

**No Chivalry There.**  
Mr. Smith, for the defense, began speaking at 1:25 o'clock. "We present to you," he said, "a clear-cut case of self-defense, and the only home argument after argument to prove it."

"There is nothing in this case," he went on, "to excite a spark of chivalry, since the women were known to be dead in vice, and their husbands knew it. I haven't anything in my heart to say against Torrence. He was game, and he died game. I have no doubt that if his spirit could come and speak to us now that he would say: 'I would rather be Torrence dead than Gentry living.' I hope the jury may rest lightly above his grave."

But he said he was sorry to Gentry, to whom was attributed, in part, the cause of Torrence's seeking out Conway to exact either explanation or vengeance. He referred to the Thaw and Living murder trials to illustrate his point that it was not so important to know whether the communicated threats which reached Conway's ears were true as to show that Conway really believed them. He went over the evidence to show that the defense had proved this point and had made out a clear-cut case of self-defense. He complimented Leslie Page, when he reached that man's testimony, was to speak of him as "a barefaced liar."

**Ready for the Jury.**  
Mr. Smith concluded at 2:55 o'clock, and court adjourned until 10 o'clock. Four minutes later, Mr. Wendenburg took the floor. He argued upon the instructions, explaining that the plea that Conway shot in self-defense, and upon this he spoke long and well. At times he rose from plain hard logic to flights of oratory, and he hammered his points into the jury one after the other.

Commonwealth's Attorney Folkes concluded for the prosecution. He took ground that necessity for Conway's shooting was not proved, and that, therefore, it was a clear case of murder. "Life is cheap, dirt cheap," he said, "if a man may kill another for explanation as to his wife's fidelity and not be shot down in cold blood." He went over the evidence and the instructions carefully, attempting to prove that Conway had acted within the prerogative of every man to defend his life at any cost, but that he had deliberately followed Torrence out of the saloon to shed his blood on the street.

The arguments were forceful, and it was one of the hardest fought cases that have been presented in the Hustings Court in years.

Conway has been in jail since the murder.

## TAFT REITERATES, "NO PORK-BARREL"

Tells New Haven Chamber of Commerce There Shall Be No "Pot."

NEW HAVEN, CONN., December 14.—President Taft told the business men of Connecticut of the facts about governmental expenditures and revenue at the annual banquet of the New Haven Chamber of Commerce, but as he did not rise to speak until 11:20, he was unable to more than touch upon some of the problems which are facing the country in a general way. It was then for him to leave and catch the Federal Express for Washington. The banquet brought together fully 1,000 men of business prominence in the city and the dining hall at Yale was the scene. The President attended a meeting of the Yale Corporation at 12 o'clock, and held a short reception before the banquet.

President Taft said that he felt the occasion opportune to speak to the business men on the question as to whether or not they have money enough to run a government. He explained the unexpected increase in the cost of the Panama Canal, the need of waterways, and declared that he did not favor issuance of bonds before the year is begun, nor the forming of a new party. He did believe, he said, in having waterways improvement go ahead without delay and without waiting until political expediency demanded it. The President predicted that more business-like methods of conducting the business of the country were sure to be adopted, so that the expenditures, though becoming less, would not prevent the increasing of the number of departments and the creating of new bureaus, which would make for the general welfare of the people.

And Yale cheers the President closed and left for his train.

## THRILLING RESCUE OF CREW

WILMINGTON, DEL., December 14.—Word was received here tonight of the rescue of the crew of the schooner May Brown and the thrilling rescue of her crew of three in the Delaware River on Pea Island last night, where the United States transport Prairie recently went aground. The rescue was effected during a severe storm by the crew of the dredge, the Delaware, which vessel aided in floating the Prairie by dredging a new channel.

The schooner was in command of her owner, Captain Kaiser, of Townsend, Del. When the storm arose the boat was anchored. Both masts and rigging were soon ripped away by the high waves and wind, and the crew took refuge on top of the cabin, whence they signaled with a lantern. The crew of the Delaware finally reached the sinking schooner and saved the men.

## COLLEGE BUILDING BURNED

NEW YORK, December 14.—President William L. Stoughton, of the Lincoln Memorial University, at Cumberland Gap, Tenn., received word tonight by telegram that Grant-Lee Hall, the main building of the university, had been completely destroyed by fire tonight. There was no loss of life, so far as is now known. The Lincoln Memorial University was founded about fourteen years ago by the late General O. O. Howard.

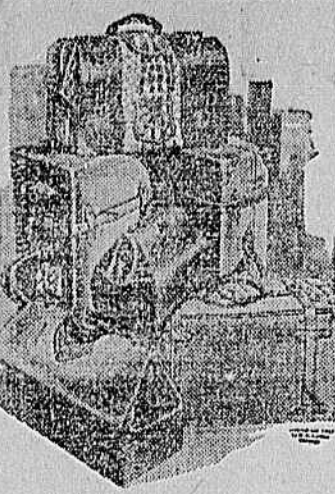
The blow to the university will be a heavy one, as Grant-Lee Hall was not only the main administrative building and recitation hall, but also housed a larger part of the 450 students, who will now be forced to return to their homes.

## Rheumatism Will Let Go of You

When you correct the acid condition of your blood, as which it depends, it only loosens its hold on you, when you apply lotions or liniments to your aching joints or stiff muscles. The medicine to take is

## Hood's Sarsaparilla

which has effected the most wonderful, radical and permanent cures. In usual liquid form, or chocolate tablets called Sarsaparilla. 100 doses \$1.



As this goes to press we are handed a letter by a lady friend which she received from her brother. As it will meet with a hearty amen from every brother, father, son or "particular" friend we reproduce it here in full:

"Dear Sister:  
"If you are contemplating what to give me for Christmas, I know of nothing more appropriate than something of the 'Grip' brand. For instance, I have all the match boxes and paper weights that I need."

"Sincerely,  
"GEORGE."

We've just the sort of Suits Cases, Kit Bags, Club and Traveling Bags here that appeals to the fastidious tastes most men have when it comes to the kind of baggage that shall introduce them at the places they stop.

Some fitted with toilet articles.

**SMALL WARE FOR MEN**  
Things for his toilet, his adornment, his use in recreation and in his smoking room are to be had here fresh from Offenbach, Germany.

Suitable for the most refined tastes.

All in Christmas boxes ready for the tree.



## LIMITED CRASHES INTO STALLED CARS

Severe Storm Causes Fatal Wreck on Pennsylvania Railroad.

NEW YORK, December 14.—In the derangement of communication by wire which still prevails as a result of the late storm, complete details of the train wreck last night at North East, where three foreign trains were killed, fifteen persons injured, seven of them seriously, were not obtainable until the arrival here at 2:55 this afternoon of No. 26, the New York Central Limited.

A statement of how the accident happened was then given out at the New York Central offices, telling what the wreck was first, and who were killed and injured.

Train No. 26, east bound, leaves St. Louis at 8:45 A. M., and is due at Cleveland at 8:40 P. M. It was the second section, of the Twentieth Century Limited, due from Chicago just five minutes earlier.

On Monday night all trains were late, owing to the storm, and the New York Limited reached Cleveland first, and took the right of way ahead of the Twentieth Century, thus becoming No. 26, instead of No. 24. It was this change of numbers that led to the misunderstanding, when hasty and scattered news of the wreck was first assembled, that the Twentieth Century had been in collision.

What happened was this: Train No. 6, the Chicago, Cleveland and New York special, was stalled with a broken engine. Behind her were piled up, one after another, No. 12 and No. 18, the Boston and New York specials, with brakemen out behind. Into this string of blocked trains came thundering No. 26, behind her schedule, and making up lost time.

Why she overran the flagman's red lamp and the warning bulls-eyes of the signal system has not been explained.

The weather was thick, but not so thick as to bewilder the other stalled trains, which had all stopped at command.

These points remain for an official explanation. Whatever that explanation may be, No. 26 came hurtling through the storm at better than sixty miles an hour. Evidently her engineer got a glimpse of something ahead. For his brakes were screaming when he plowed into the rear car of the train ahead of him.

The list of the dead, whose bodies are in the morgue at North East, Pa., are:

Anton Lund, Hollywood, Cal., on his way to New York.  
John Clair, forty-five years, Cedar Point, Kan., on his way to France.  
Francis Bernard, thirty-two years, Cedar Point, Kan., on his way to France.

## THE WEATHER

Forecast: Virginia—Generally fair Wednesday and Thursday; light west winds.  
North Carolina—Generally fair Wednesday and Thursday; light west winds, becoming variable.

**CONDITIONS YESTERDAY.**  
8 A. M. temperature..... 36  
Humidity..... 86  
Wind direction..... West  
Wind velocity..... 19  
Weather..... Partly Cloudy  
Rainfall..... 2.12  
12 noon temperature..... 50  
2 P. M. temperature..... 53  
Maximum temperature up to 5 P. M. 53  
Minimum temperature up to 5 P. M. 36  
Mean temperature..... 44  
Normal temperature..... 41  
Excess in temperature yesterday..... 3  
Accum. excess in temperature since Jan. 1..... 13  
Deficiency in rainfall since Jan. 1..... 6.16  
Accum. deficiency in rainfall since Jan. 1..... 5.62

**CONDITIONS IN IMPORTANT CITIES.** (At 1 P. M., Eastern Standard Time.)  
Place..... Ther. Hum. Wind.  
New Orleans..... 61 72 Cloudy  
Atlanta..... 48 52 Clear  
Baltimore..... 61 68 Rain  
Detroit..... 70 78 Rain  
Buffalo..... 32 36 Rain

**MINIATURE ALMANAC.**  
Sun rises..... 7:10  
Sun sets..... 4:51  
Moon sets..... 1:21  
High tide..... 11:00  
Morning..... 6:35  
Evening..... 6:45

## WROTE OF POISON BEFORE HE DIED

Russell's Letter Now Is in the Coroner's Hands.

## INQUIRY IS BEING MADE

Authorities Also Probe the Death of Wife of Albert Durand, Artist.

NEW HAVEN, CONN., December 14.—Coroner Mix is making a careful investigation of the death of George Russell, and that of Mrs. Albert Durand, which took place shortly after Russell's. Information which the authorities received concerning Russell, and the great interest which has been shown in the case of Mrs. Cecy W. M. Snead, in New Jersey, have caused unusual interest in the two deaths here, especially because a letter has been shown purporting to be in Russell's handwriting and asserting that he believed he was being slowly poisoned.

At the time of Russell's death several weeks ago, there was nothing to indicate that there was anything peculiar about it. Russell had been living with the Durands for several years. Durand is prominent as an artist. Several months ago, Russell made a will, leaving his entire estate, valued at about \$5,000, to Mrs. Durand on the condition that she and her husband could not care for him while he lived. Russell became ill several weeks afterward and within a month he was dead.

Soon after that the wife of a deputy sheriff of this city went to Coroner Mix and showed him a letter, which she said was written by Russell during his fatal illness. The letter said that Russell believed he was being slowly poisoned and that some one was administering the drug to him. There was a request in the letter that if the writer died an autopsy should be performed on his body, and if evidence of poisoning was found, that his murder should be avenged.

No disinterment of Russell's body was ordered, but the coroner proceeded to make an investigation secretly. When he was busy with that he was surprised to hear of the death of Mrs. Durand. He was informed she had been taken ill suddenly, and death came within two days.

Mrs. Durand, he was told, returned from the theatre one night and took a drink of buttermilk. Soon after she became violently ill and complained of pains in her head and stomach. She told her husband she was completely blinded. He had her removed to a private sanatorium in West Haven. Physicians in the sanatorium said that Mrs. Durand was dying when she arrived there and that there was no chance to save her.

Coroner Mix took steps at once to see if there was any evidence of poisoning in her death. He has been busy on the case for several days, and has been aided by the detectives of the local forces. There was a report, also, in which three foreign trains were killed, fifteen persons injured, seven of them seriously, were not obtainable until the arrival here at 2:55 this afternoon of No. 26, the New York Central Limited.

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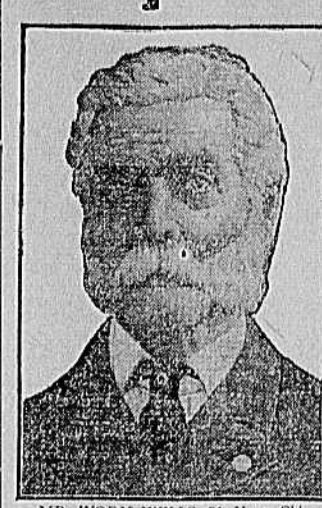
## SEARCH FOR NEGRO MAN

SAVANNAH, GA., December 14.—A chemical analysis of blood stains found on a building owned by the late Hunter, husband of the last of the three victims of the Perry Street murder here to die, practically eliminated Hunter from suspicion of guilt as the perpetrator of the triple crime. The analysis was made at the request of the city by Dr. Bacteriologist Victor Bassett, and home declaration is that though Hunter declared the stains to be a variety of varnish, yet they are blood. However, they are not recent stains, and must be older than several days, and therefore, could not have been made at the time of the murder. Hunter, Mrs. Olander and Mrs. Gribble.

Early to-day Hunter and William Wells, who also is a prisoner, and was a close friend of Hunter, were given a reformed variety of the third degree. Neither of them knew Mrs. Hunter was dead. The husband was led into a room where his wife lay in her coffin. Suddenly he was brought face to face with the dead woman. He showed much emotion, but said he was allowed to kiss her, which he did. Wells, who declared he would "rather have his head cut off than harm Wells," was allowed to fondle the dead woman's hands.

The problem the police face now is to apprehend the negro man seen at the Gribble home, who was seen at about the time of the murders. Find this man, they believe, and they will solve the mystery.

## Grip Cured at 81



MR. IVORY WELLS, 81 Years Old

"I am no lover of strong drinks, but Duffy's Pure Malt Whiskey cured me of Grip, and I am 81 years old."

—Thus wrote Ivory Wells.

Mr. Wells recently said: "I want to say right here, I think Duffy's Pure Malt Whiskey has saved my life this cold winter. I am no lover of strong drinks, but I have had the grip this winter, and Duffy's Pure Malt Whiskey has cured me, and, in consequence, I was not laid up in bed, as were many of my old comrades."

"I am well, hale and hearty, and shall be eighty-one my next birthday. I most strongly recommend Duffy's Pure Malt Whiskey to all those advanced in years. It has kept me strong for two years."—Ivory Wells, Lynn, Mass.

Thousands of letters like the above are received from grateful men and women who have been made well and strong by the great body builder, and who continue to enjoy good health.

## Duffy's Pure Malt Whiskey

is invaluable for overworked men, delicate women and sickly children.

It strengthens and sustains the system, is a promoter of health and longevity, makes the old feel young and keeps the young strong, when taken in small doses as prescribed. It is recognized as a family medicine everywhere.

In need of advice, write Medical Department, Duffy Malt Whiskey Company, Rochester, New York, stating your case fully. Our doctor will send you advice free, together with a handsome illustrated medical booklet, containing rules for health, which you cannot afford to be without and some of the many thousands of gratifying letters received from men and women in all walks of life, both old and young, who have been cured and benefited by the use of this great medicine, is sold by all grocers and dealers, or direct, \$1.00 per large bottle.

## MAY ORDER MISSOURI TO GO TO BLUEFIELD

Battleship Held in Readiness on Orders From Washington—Crew Highly Elated Over Prospects of Trip.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
HAMPTON, VA., December 14.—Rear Admiral Schroeder, commanding the Atlantic fleet, has been ordered to hold the battleship Missouri in readiness to sail immediately for Central America, according to statements made by members of the crew of that vessel at Old Point to-night. The Missouri is now loading stores and supplies, and it is understood that she will be ready to steam South to-morrow if she is ordered away at that time.

It is stated that the Missouri will go to Bluefields, the seat of the provisional government established by the insurgents in Nicaragua, as that is the only port on the Atlantic coast of Nicaragua with a harbor deep enough to accommodate the heavy first-class battleship.

Unless Zelaya should capture Bluefields, the big gun of the Missouri probably would be of no service in the event the United States takes a part in the Nicaraguan fighting, but with her crew and marines, numbering upwards of 1,000 trained men, the vessel could land a force which any number of Nicaraguan forces could not match. The Missouri is now anchored in Hampton Roads with the rest of the Atlantic fleet. It was expected that the vessel would go to New York with the fleet for the Christmas holidays, to which all of the officers and men are looking forward with a great deal of pleasure. However, the members of the vessel's crew are highly elated over the prospect of steaming south and seeing something of what is going on in Central America.

## HOBSON DELIVERS WARNING TO NATION

Pleads for Liberal Naval Policy to Prepare for War.

WASHINGTON, D. C., December 14.—Taking up the President's annual message to Congress, the House of Representatives to-day went through the formality of referring and distributing it among the various committees.

Warning of the nation's unpreparedness for war was given by Representative Hobson, of Alabama, in an extensive speech in favor of a more liberal policy, delivered while the House was in the committee of the whole. His colleague, Mr. Richardson, seized the same opportunity to make a speech in advocacy of a liberal war policy, particularly affecting the Mississippi River and its tributaries.

The District of Columbia appropriation bill, carrying an appropriation of more than \$10,000,000 for the expenses of the District during the fiscal year of 1911, was reported. The House to-day agreed to take a recess next Tuesday over the holidays, voting to reconvene on Tuesday, January 4.

At 2:47 P. M. the House adjourned until to-morrow.

**Operation of Cotton Exchanges.**  
WASHINGTON, D. C., December 14.—In view of many criticisms and misunderstandings of the published summaries of the report upon the operation of cotton exchanges issued by the Department of Agriculture, the following statement is published:

Only One "BROMO QUININE" that is Laxative Bromo Quinine Cures a Cold in One Day. Grip in 2 Days

on every 67¢ bottle, 25¢

## OBITUARY

**J. Jack Murchison.**  
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
SPENCER, N. C., December 14.—T. Jack Murchison, one of Spencer's well-known citizens, dropped dead in Baltimore last night, where he had gone yesterday on business. For several years he had been sales manager for the Spencer and Sons Company in this place, and had become widely known in this section. He is survived by a wife, one daughter, Mrs. E. B. Fowler, one brother and four sisters. The body will be brought to Slater City for interment to-morrow at Love's Creek, the old family burying ground.

**Robert G. Scott.**  
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
LYNCHBURG, VA., December 14.—Robert G. Scott, aged seventy-nine, one of the best-known residents of Rivermont, died at his home on Rivermont Avenue this morning at 5 o'clock. Death came after an illness of twelve months.

Mr. Scott formerly lived at Riverside, which home he disposed of about five years ago, when he moved with his family to the city, where he lived until the time of his death.

He was survived by his second wife, who was Miss Ed. Bailey, of this city, prior to her marriage, and the following children: R. G. Scott, Jr., W. C. Scott, James Scott, Walter Scott, Edwin Scott, Mrs. Lizzie James and Miss Fannie Scott.

**Mrs. Josephine Timberlake.**  
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
WINCHESTER, VA., December 14.—Mrs. Josephine Timberlake, wife of William B. Timberlake, died to-day from paralysis at Montana Hall, near White Post, Clarke county, the home of her daughter, Mrs. W. G. Conrad, wife of the millionaire banker and rancher of Great Falls, Montana. Mrs. Timberlake was eighty-one years old, and spent her childhood in Clarke county. She leaves a husband, a daughter, Mrs. Conrad, and three stepchildren—Misses Leslie and Addie Timberlake, of Clarke county, and David Timberlake, of Covington, Va.

**William P. Woods.**  
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
ALEXANDRIA, VA., December 14.—William P. Woods, a well-known business man, died suddenly at 4 o'clock this morning at his home, 402 Wolfe Street, following a stroke of paralysis. He was a native of Alexandria, and was about sixty years old. Besides his wife, he is survived by two children—Commerce and Mrs. Charles Burgett. The deceased at the time of his death was engaged in the grocery business.

**Mrs. Mary H. Moore.**  
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
ALEXANDRIA, VA., December 14.—Mrs. Mary H. Moore, wife of William H. Moore, thirty-eight years old, died last evening at Providence Hospital, Washington, after a comparatively brief illness. Besides her husband, three children survive. Her funeral will take place Thursday morning from St. Mary's Catholic Church.

**Spencer N. C. December 14.**  
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
WILLIAM GIBBEL, aged seventy years, a well-known farmer, died to-day at his home, following a long illness. He is survived by three sons and three daughters. He was a Confederate veteran, having served with the North Carolina troops in the Civil War.

**Mrs. Martha S. Middlekauff.**  
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
STANTON, VA., December 14.—Mrs. Martha S. Middlekauff, seventy-four years old, died of pneumonia to-day. She was the widow of D. Middlekauff, and a native of Carroll county, Md. She is survived by one daughter and two sons.

**Professor S. A. Hege.**  
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
WINSTON-SALEM, N. C., December 14.—Professor S. A. Hege, who taught school in Salem for thirty-five years, died to-day, aged fifty-seven years. He was one of the town's best citizens.

**H. Cliff Williams.**  
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
SALISBURY, N. C., December 14.—H. Cliff Williams, for a number of years engaged in the hardware business in Salisbury, died at a hospital here last night. His condition had been hopeless for several weeks. He is survived by his wife and four children.

**Mrs. J. W. Calvert.**  
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
HAMPTON, VA., December 14.—Mrs. Elsie Council Calvert, twenty-three years old, died at her home here to-day. She was the wife of J. W. Calvert, agent at Old Point of the Chesapeake Line, and was a bride of ten months. Typhoid fever caused her death. She was a daughter of G. G. Council, of Franklin.

**Mrs. Cassie K. Harris.**  
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
LYNCHBURG, VA., December 14.—Mrs. Cassie K. Harris, aged eighty-four, died last night, after ten days' sickness. She was the widow of Charles J. Harris, who at one time was professor of Latin at Washington and Lee. She leaves two sons, Prof. L. H. Harris, of Charleston, S. C., and Leslie Harris, of Chicago, and two daughters, Mrs. A. C. Waugh, of Lynchburg, and Mrs. C. W. Waugh, of Texas.

**Charles H. Owens.**  
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
WINCHESTER, VA., December 14.—Charles H. Owens, a prominent Frederick county farmer, died to-day of consumption at Brucetown, aged sixty-one years. He leaves his widow, formerly Miss Mary Elizabeth Gruver, eleven sons and daughters and two brothers.

**Mrs. Elizabeth Hensley.**  
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
STANTON, VA., December 14.—Mrs. Elizabeth Hensley, widow of John G. Hensley, sixty-nine years old, died to-day, leaving three children.

## DEATHS

TURNER.—Died at her home in Manassas, Va., at 4 o'clock, Mrs. L. A. TURNER. She will be buried to-day (Wednesday) at her old home in Greenfield, Va. Papers please copy.

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